

CITY OF ORLANDO



Proclamation

WHEREAS, both the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives passed resolutions in 2005 acknowledging the genocide that the Serbian forces perpetrated in Srebrenica and all of Bosnia from 1992 to 1995; and

WHEREAS, July 11, 2012 is commemorated as the 17th anniversary of the Srebrenica massacre in which at least 8,372 innocent Bosniak civilians were summarily executed and 30,000 were expelled from their homes in the worst atrocity in Europe since the holocaust; and

WHEREAS, this anniversary raises awareness of the tragic suffering of the Bosnian people and honors and remembers those who died as a result of the policies of ethnic cleansing and aggression; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of North American Bosniak (CNAB) is the umbrella organization representing Bosniaks in the United States and Canada requested this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City of Orlando recognizes the importance of this event to bring closure for the Bosnian people through justice and truth; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BUDDY DYER, Mayor of the City of Orlando, hereby do proclaim Wednesday, July 11, 2012 as

"SREBRENICA REMEMBRANCE DAY"

And the week of July 11, 2012 as

"BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TRIBUTE WEEK"

in the City of Orlando, and call upon all citizens to work toward ending the cycle of violence and promoting peaceful coexistence among all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I herunto have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Orlando to be affixed this 11th day of July 2012.



Buddy Dyer